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THIS IS A NIGHT REACH 9FF MESSAGE.

1. UN HQ HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT 8TH U.S. ARMY LOGISTICS COMMAND, CAMP DARBY (LEGHORN), NO LONGER HAS THE CAPABILITY TO REBUILD MAJOR ASSEMBLY COMPONENTS OF US-MANUFACTURED VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED UNEF. CAMP DARBY INSTITUTED THIS SUPPORT PROCEDURE IN FEBRUARY (DOCUMENTATION FOLLOWS IN SEPARATE LETTER) WHEN UN REQUIREMENT AMOUNTED TO TOTAL OF 8 ASSEMBLIES. AS EQUIPMENT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY NON-OPERATIONAL DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS. REQUIREMENT FOR ASSEMBLY REBUILD HAS GROWN FROM ORIGINAL EIGHT TO CURRENTLY 96 ASSEMBLIES. ON 22 AUG 1975 CAMP DARBY INSTALLATION COMMANDER NOTIFIED UN CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPT, PISA, AND HQ SETAF THAT CAMP DARBY WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO PROVIDE UN WITH REQUIRED REBEUILD

SUPPORT.

2. (C) BARRING CANNIBALIZATION BY UNEF, CURRENT BACKLOG OF ASSEMBLIES REQUIRING REBUILD WOULD GIVE UNEF A MINIMUM DEADLINE RATE OF 57 PERCENT FOR IST US-MANUFACTURED VEHICLES. THIS INCREASING RATE, IF NOT CHECKED, IS SURE TO RESULT IN SEVERE CURTAILMENT OF UNEF MOBILITY. THE SITUATION WILL BE FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY UNEF'S MOVE INTO THE NEW DISENGAGEMENT ZONE WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE CURRENT ZONE.

 $3\ (C)\ REQUEST\ DECISION\ ON\ HOW,\ WHERE,\ AND\ WHETHER\ US$ REBUILD SUPPORT IS TO BE RESUMED. IF CAMP DARBY UNABLE TO SUPPORT GROWING UN REQUIREMENT, RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISH A REBUILD SUPPORT LEVEL WITHIN CAP DARBY'S CAPABILITY, AND THAT SOME OTHER FACILITY BE DESIGNATED TO HANDLE OVERLOAD. IN ORDER TO REDUCE ASSEMBLY BACKLOG, RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REPLACING ALL ASSEMBLIES RETURNED BY UN WITH DX ITEMS. BECAUSE OF FREOUENT PICK-UP OF UN EQUIPMENT AT PISA BY SWEDISH CARGO AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO CAIRO, RESUMPTION OF AS MUCH OF REBUILD PROGRAM AS POSSIBLE BY CAMP DARBY WOULD APPEAR TO BE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY OF PROVIDING SUPPORT. UNEF SUPPORT EXPENSES ARE COMING INCREASINGLY UNDER CRITICAL SOVIET REVIEW AT UN FOR OBVIOUSLY POLITICAL PURPOSES, AND IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN BEST ALL-AROUND U.S. INTEREST TO KEEP THESE COSTS AT ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. MOYNIHAN

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